

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 28-October-2007



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good but contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feasts of All Saints & All Souls

November is an important month in the calendar of the Church. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are celebrated on the first days of November allowing us to dwell on important aspects of life and faith. These feasts give us an opportunity to pray and reflect on our origin, purpose and destiny. The Church has never been afraid to exhort us to examine the sober, some would say the bitter side of life and faith -death, judgement and the second coming. The readings during the coming Sundays and weekdays invite us to reflect on the last things so that we learn, in ever deeper measure that with the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day.

The Church recommends that we visit a graveyard during the first week of November. The recommendation fuses well with the celebration of the feast of All Saints. Among our graves are those who are in that company. They are people - relatives, friends and neighbours - who enfleshed the values of the beatitudes in the life they lived. To be gentle, to mourn, to hunger for justice, to be merciful are signs of the Kingdom of God in our lives. They did the ordinary things very well. Many of the people we remember during November shaped our lives by their love.

They did not see themselves as potential saints but we recognise that they are tilted in that direction. During the month of November we remember those who travelled before us. They have gone many routes; as parents, widows or orphans, nurse or teacher, as rich or poor person and some heroes have gone the road of suffering. Their lives inspire us. Joan Chittister reminds us, "saints are people like ourselves, reachable figures who have lived well through situations similar to our own as proof that we too, in all our smallness, can stretch ourselves to the limits of the best in us".

George O'Mahony

Novena for The Dead - November 2nd to 10th, 2007

November is a month dedicated to our deceased relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Envelopes are available this weekend in both Churches.

Reflection for Parents

We are very important in the lives of our children, but do we allow them to see us walk humbly with God? Do we allow them to see us on our knees and hear us admit our weaknesses to God? Consider how you might represent the tax collector to your children. How might they see you like this Pharisee?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord has worked marvels for us. We present our prayers with confidence.

Reader

For Christians everywhere, that they may grow in grace and truth.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For leaders in Church and State, that they may lead with wisdom and with care for the good of all.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those whose freedom is curtailed or denied, that they may not lose hope.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who suffer persecution because of their faith, that they may be strengthened.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are sick or suffering at home or in hospital.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the needs of this community and of all here present.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Loving God, we entrust to you all our cares and concerns. Hear the prayers we make this day in Jesus' name. Amen.

This Poor Man Called; The Lord Heard Him.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Freya Eloise Walsh, 44 Daffodil Fields.
Daniel James McCoy Kenny, 30 The Heathers, Classis Lake.
Erin Mary Comber, 22 Bridgewater.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Rose Scanlan, Firgrove Drive, Bishopstown.
Kevin Condon.
Eleanor O'Halloran, Castle Park.
Eileen Riordan.
Denis Hartnett, Mallow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra.
Gerard Downey, Classis.
Charlie, Julia & Sean Dunne.
Mary Downey, Lough Villas.
Ira Fitzpatrick, Curraghbeg.
Betty O'Regan, Crookstown.
John Cremin, Collyduff.
Mary Barry.
Kathleen O'Keeffe, Aylsbury.
Jim Deasy, Rosewood.
Mary Looney, Donoughmore.
Liam Canty, The Lough.
Kevin Doran, Wicklow.
Michael Ring, Castle Park & Dungourney.
Sarah & Richard Hourigan, Co. Limerick.
Ellen Reed, Curraheen.
Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Union Hall.
Jim & Julia Walsh, Carrigaline.
Gertie & Michael Riordan, Glasheen Road.
Gertrude & Michael Reardan, Glasheen.
John O'Callaghan, Fr. Sexton Park.
Patricia Furness, Yorkshire, England.
Marie & Eily O'Leary, Barrack St.
John & Nora Leach, Beech Park.
Michael, Peggy & Hannie McCarthy, Dripsey.
Una & John Murphy, Blackrock.
David O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.

Mothers Prayers Group

Due to Thursday, 1st November being Feast of All Saints (Church Holiday), the 'Mothers Prayers Group' at the Annex will not be meeting that morning. 'Mothers Prayers Group' at Christ our Light Church will meet as usual on Wednesday morning at 10.30 am.

All Welcome!
Sr. Colette

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

28 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 35: 12-14, 16-19. Ps 32. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk 18:9-14. Lect I: 925
29 Monday Rom. 8:12-17. Ps. 67. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 388
30 Tuesday Rom 8:18-25. Ps 125. Lk 13:18-27. Lect II: 390
31 Wednesday Rom 8:26-30. Ps 12. Lk 13:22-30. Lect II: 392
01 Thursday Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps 23. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or II: 1244
02 Friday Readings are chosen from Masses for the Dead. Lect III: 849 - 890 (or Lect I: 1002)
03 Saturday Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29. Ps 93. Lk 14:1, 7-11. Lect II: 397

Next Sunday's Readings 04-November-2007
Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928

The Pyke Theatre Group

Ballincollig.

Proudly Presents.

Three one act plays by Charlie Conway

1. Sauce for the Gander.
2. Below Stairs.
3. Once Bitten.

At

The Cork Arts Theatre

For Three Nights

Monday 5th November at 8 pm.

Tuesday 6th November at 8 pm.

Wednesday 7th November at 8 pm.

Early Booking is advisable. Phone 086-341-3901.

Admission €10.00 Concessions €8.00

All Souls Day

Is a day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. This comes from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with the family. Candles in the window would guide the souls back home, and another place was set at the table. Children would come through the village, asking for food to be offered symbolically to the dead, then donated to feed the hungry. The day purposely follows All Saint's Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. It is celebrated with masses and festivities in honour of the dead. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

CROWLEY

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Bóthar Saclay, Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Tel: 021-4874777 Mobile: 087-2759254

Email: michaelfd@eircom.net

www.crowleyfuneraldirectors.ie

Complete Funeral Arrangements

24 Hour Service Embalming Service

Member I.A.F.D.

Golden Charter Funeral

Pre-Planning Available

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
 God does not listen only to the powerful. If someone prays humbly and sincerely, God listens, and God acts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Paul says he has kept the faith and God stood by him. The conclusion to his life will be a crown of glory in heaven. That same promise is ours.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
 From time to time our children live in a "me first world," but Jesus wasn't too impressed with the self-centeredness of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. The Pharisee was quite certain that he was a good and righteous man—better than most. For sure, he was better than the tax collector. But as Jesus often did in his teachings, he turned society's ideas upside down. It was really the humble tax collector recognizing his own sinfulness that Jesus said would be exalted.

Bulletin Board

Annual Graveyard Masses

Will take place in St. Oliver's Cemetery at 2.00 pm on Saturday 3rd November, 2007 and in St. Mary & St. John Cemetery on Saturday 10th November, 2007
 The blessing of Graves in St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher will take on Sunday 4th November, 2007 at 3 pm, St Finbarr's Cemetery Sunday 4th November at 2 pm.

Novena Masses

There will be two evening Masses during the Novena- 6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John. There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on November 12th at 8.00 pm at St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have a deceased family members included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address

Masses This Coming Week

Bank Holiday Monday October 29th, 9:30 am in St Mary & St. John. There is no 08:30 am in Christ Our Light.
The Feast of All Saints Thursday 1st November
St Mary & St John 8.30 am 10.00 am & 8.00 pm
Christ Our Light Wednesday 31st October
 08:30 am & 8 pm (Vigil)
 November 1st, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Ministers of The Eucharist

Rota for Christ Our Light is available in Christ Our Light.
Fr. George

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend
 Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th of November
PLEASE SUPPORT

Scout News

The Tuesday night Macoimh went to High Jinks, which is a joint scout and guide activity, which is held out in Farran woods. The day took the form of 15 bases, which was held around the woods. The Macoimh went on the slippery slide where everyone got wet, they then had to find a missing letter on a trail, the trail went through some rough and boggy ground, some wellies and runners got lost in the mud, but the heroic effects of two girls manning the base, retrieved the foot ware. The next base included tree i.d. leaf collection and a lot of running about. Other bases included blind trail, parachute game, water block (very wet), puzzles and first aid. The day was very well organised and all the Macoimh had a lot of fun.

Scouts want, and need a stable, reliable basis for their scouting. This means our meetings must always start on time, with the scout leaders there, the patrol leaders there and the programme there.

The age of chivalry is not yet dead. If a teenage girl drops her book, a teenage boy will kick it over to her.

Random Theatre Company

Ballincollig

Present

THE WHITEHEADED BOY

By

Lennox Robinson

Briery Gap Theatre

Macroom

with **Gemma Barry, Lawrence Barry, Dixie Collins, Michael Greene and Marian O'Callaghan**
Director Maurice McGillicuddy

Random are sure to put their own stamp on this fine play, dispensing with some theatrical norms, just as they did at the Briery Gap in recent years with

Professor Tim and The Lonesome West

Wed Oct 31st to Sat Nov 3rd @ 8 pm

Tickets: €12 Concessions: €10

Enquiries 026 41793

Capuchin Vocations Day

There will be a Capuchin Vocations Day on the 10th of November at Holy Trinity Friary, Fr. Matthew Quay, Cork beginning at 11 am. If you would like to attend and find out more about the Capuchin Franciscan way of life contact Br. Sean on (01) 8511554 or (087) 7634176.

Some Influenza Tips

- Try to rest and let your body recover
- Drink plenty of fluids to replace those lost
- Eat light meals to maintain strength
- Try not to smoke and avoid smoke filled areas
- **Call the Doctor:** if your temperature rises above 40C; when your symptoms include chest pains or you become short of breath; if you cough up blood, yellow mucus or phlegm.

ST DOMINIC'S RETREAT CENTRE - ENNISMORE

Saturday November 3rd - 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Healing & Stress Release

Led by :Martina Lehane - Sheehan

Cost: €20, Lunch €20 each day.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Tel. 021-4502520

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-03 & Nov-04-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
EVan Keating

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Thursday	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm **Saturday** 4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm **Sunday**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-03 & Nov-04-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke



Ballincollig Hardware

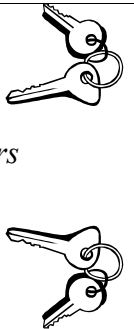
Key Cutting Service

While You Wait!

Also Shoe & Leather Repairs

Unit 1 Shopping Centre,
Next to Quish's Supervalu,
West Village.

Tel.: (021) 4872401



**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm.
Saturday 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206**

Ballincollig Credit Union Ltd.

Harrington Street
Tel: 021-4872305
Fax: 021-4872532



New Town Centre Office
Tel: 021-4208300
Fax: 021-4872532

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

Our Great Benefits

*Avail of 100% Finance and Own Your Car from Day One
Option of Future Loans for Insurance and Tax
No Penalties for Early Repayment
Loan Protection Insurance at no Extra Cost
Interest Repayments Decrease as you Pay Off Your Loan
Easy Application Procedure and Speedy Decision*

Monday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm